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The equality of all five successor States to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The General Assembly,

Acting upon Security Council resolution 777 (1992) of 19 September 1992, which, *inter alia*, stated "that the State formerly known as the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has ceased to exist", and recalling all other relevant Security Council resolutions,

Recalling its resolution 47/1 of 22 September 1992, which, *inter alia*, stipulated that "the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) cannot continue automatically the membership of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the United Nations; and therefore decides that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) should apply for membership in the United Nations",

Recalling also its resolution 48/88 of 20 December 1993, which, *inter alia*, reaffirmed resolution 47/1,

Resolved to ensure the full implementation of its relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 47/1,

Noting that the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has been replaced by five successor States, and reaffirming that Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Slovenia are in every respect equal legal successors to the rights, obligations, assets and liabilities of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and have equal legal standing in respect of their common predecessor State,

Noting also the opinions of the Arbitration Commission of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia,[1] which, *inter alia*, state that the Socialist Federal

[1] A/48/874-S/1994/189; S/26233; S/1994/83

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Republic of Yugoslavia has dissolved and no longer has legal personality and that none of the successor States can claim to be the sole continuing State,

Considering therefore that the abbreviated name "Yugoslavia", as used by the United Nations, refers only to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,

Stressing the importance of the settlement of all issues relating to the succession of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for preserving the territorial integrity of the successor States, the achievement of lasting peace and stability in the area and the improvement of relations among all five successor States, as well as for the integration of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) into the international community,

Encouraging the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to apply for membership in the United Nations,

1. *Considers* that, as a consequence of its dissolution, the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia ceased to exist as a legal personality and that none of its five equal successor States can be privileged to continue its membership in the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all the necessary steps to ensure that the administrative practice of the Secretariat is fully brought into line with the provisions of the present resolution and other relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions by the end of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly.